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FROM CAPTAIN JOHN HALL.

LAKE GEO. Dr. 22d. 1758

DEAR SIR/

this is the 4th. Lr. I have wrote you ye. Campn. for all wch. have not been so happy as to receive one in return —

I cant acct. for the Loss of yr. favr. any other way than by attributg. it to Business, wch. your Warfare must naturally involve you in — an active mind like yours steadily bent on a glorious pursuit, ought not to be wean'd to a more trifling Attention, yt. as to this point I freely absolve you, earnestly hoping, when you have devested yourself of Business, you'l once more look on me in the Numr. of yr. Acquaintance.

What may they be the fate of our Arms yr. way I know not, but I hope for Success, not more through a Spirit of Patriotism, or the principles of a Soldier, than a Certainty of its throwing an additional Lustre, on the Man I esteem.

I read with infinite regret, the Loss of poor Baker & Campbell, I think the Bullets fly your Way as ours — They seem more to be directed by Envy, than guided by fate —

Its out of my Power to write any news — & Its none to tell you I am with sincere Affection Yr. Mot. obt. hbl Servt. JNO. HALL

